GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:300
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2001
NON-PERFORMING ASSETS
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI has recently called a high level meeting of public sector bank chiefs to take stock of the NPAs of the industry;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed in the meeting; and

(c) the strategy formulated to recover the NPAs speedily ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a), (b) & (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS(a), (b) and (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.300 FOR 1(MARCH, 2001 REGARDING NON PERFORMING ASSETS BY SMT. SHYAMA SINGH AND SHRI NARESH PUGLIA.

(a) & (b): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it had taken a meeting with the Chief Executives of Public Sector Banks or 14th February, 2001 to review the progress of recovery of Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) under the revised guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India in July, 2000 among other things.

(c) The Chief Executives of the Public Sector Banks were advised to devote their personal attention for recovery of NPAs for the remaining period i.e. up to 31st March 2001 up to which date the revised guidelines issued by RBI are in vogue.Besides, the banks are taking several other steps for speedy recovery of NPAs viz. strict implementation of recovery policy, follow up of cases with Debt Recovery Tribunals, continuous monitoring and follow up of non-performing accounts at various levels in the bank.